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#### REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

#### Status of Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 13 and 16 have been allowed. Claims 6 and 12 have been objected to. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 14 and 15 have been rejected. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended. Claims 17-21 have been added.

Claims 2-6, 8-12 and 14-15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 6 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim, and that claims 13 and 16 were allowed. New claims 17-21 are dependent upon allowed claim 16 and therefore Applicants respectfully submit that they are likewise allowable.

Independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended to incorporate the limitation of claims 6 and 12, which the Examiner has stated are allowable subject matter. Thus, all the pending independent and dependent claims now contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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